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The Music Council has just decided to buy a full-size electronic organ for the school with candy sale money. It should be installed soon.

Jeff Bugge, class of 1963, recently graduated from Marine Corps Recruit Depot at San Diego as Series Honorman or in other words first or best man out of 248 personnel. He attended 1 1/2 years at Oregon State University prior to entering the Marines. Jeff received a set of Dress Blues and was promoted to Private First Class for attaining this coveted honor.

Cherie Catches First In Crocker Contest

Cherie Carter has won this year's Betty Crocker Homemaking contest which gives her the official title of "Homemaker of Tomorrow." As a result of receiving the highest score on a written test, Cherie won a gold pin in the shape of a heart containing a hearth, and the right to participate in the Betty Crocker state homemaking contest. Fifty-four Acalanes students took the test of one hundred questions which were concerned with child care, the planning and preparing of meals, sewing, and the general management of the home.

Cherie was not anxious to participate in the contest, but she was encouraged by her teacher, Miss Carmichael, who said that it might be profitable. If she wins at the state level, she will receive \$1500 and the chance to win \$5000 in the state contest.

Cherie has had experience in the homemaking area. She has had a year of sewing and a year of cooking and she is now taking home management. She also sews a lot of her own clothes. Cherie was very pessimistic about her chances of winning the Betty Crocker Homemaking contest. When she won she was surprised. When asked why, she laughed and said, "I'm not the type who goes home and makes candy every night."

Womens' Club Views Fab Fashion Show

Clothing II and III classes modeled for the Lafayette Women's Club luncheon. The narration was done by Mrs. Frazier, Clothing I, II and III teacher.

The following girls modeled suits, coats, and formals: C. Bresler, C. Beadle, E. Clark, S. Colbourn, D. Dornsince, M. Ferreira, D. Fink, L. Fogg, R. Forster, C. Greeno, S. Hooper, N. Jucksch, V. Larson, S. Lawyer, K. Lincoln, L. Nielsen, C. Olson, B. Ortez, P. Sibley, J. Smith, L. Stanley, S. Steinbach, M. Wade, K. Wagner, L. Westphal.

Kelley Comments; Hectic Beginning



Among other things, Kelley enjoys having her picture taken.

THE HECTIC BEGINNING OF A MARVELOUS YEAR

"Mom, I just phoned to let you know I'm studying at Donna's. OK?" A few minutes later the phone rang at Donna Troutner's — my mom calling to say, "Oh, Kelley, by the way, I forgot to mention that something came from AFS today. I haven't opened it, but I thought you might want to know." She'd "thought" I "might" want to know!

As Donna and I screeched two-wheeled around corners, rushing home, I tried to scold myself by saying, "Now listen, Kelley. It's only a form letter that'll start with 'We are most sorry to inform you—'." But when you've dreamed so often about something, even the near impossible seems within reach. So I hoped

Once home, we skidded inside to find a large, fat parcel which became suddenly thin as I ripped it open and dumped its contents on the floor. Five beautiful, lovely, heavenly, wonderful orange travel tags with "AFS" printed on them stared up at me from the heap of papers. So I was going! But where? Oh where! The three of us began throwing papers helter skelter all the while shrieking "Where? Where?" After about fifteen minutes of utter chaos, my Mom discovered that Johannesburg was the city — but, good grief! Where was Johannesburg? After yelling and hopping around like the maniacs we'd become, not one of us could remember that Johannesburg was in South Africa.

After we'd gathered our frayed and far-flung wits about us, we remembered that my dad just might want to know. When I phoned him at the office, our conversation went something like this: "Daddy? It's Kelley and I'm going to Johannesburg, South Africa for a year in less than a month!" "Daddy?" "Dad?" (Have you ever heard a mouth drop open? The horrified sound it makes is too terrible.) Finally my dad bellowed "LET ME SPEAK WITH YOUR MOTHER!"

The next three and a half weeks were filled with constant reminders that "it" was true. Seven injections made it clear to my arms that I was going someplace. They wished it was Europe (with fewer required shots) though I was thrilled with South Africa. The suitcases, books, clothes strewn every where kept me aware of the fact that I wasn't dreaming — everytime I stumbled over one and fell on my nose. Despite all of these preparations, the night before I left found me packing furiously and my parents cursing industriously until about 2:00 a.m. Since we had to get up at 4:00 a.m., this didn't give us much chance to sleep . . . as if we could have anyway.

Not sleeping was a BIG MISTAKE. For once the 23 of us kids got together in the uptown New York AFS dormitories (9 boys and 14 girls) we abandoned all hope of sleep. We talked and giggled the night away, until the next day found us wandering around New York, wearing our AFS tags as conspicuously as possible on our cameras and purses.

The B.O.A.C. flight to London was an experience in itself. We vowed not to sleep, which was pretty difficult considering the night before, but we persevered, resisting the airline's attempts to lull us to sleep with wine and food and more food and more food. By the time we staggered off the plane in London, under great mounds of "hand luggage", tennis racquets, guitars, coats and books we had reached the blank-eyed staring stage of sleeplessness.

A hair raising ride down the "wrong" or left side of the road to Windsor Castle woke us completely. By the time we returned to the airport, we'd all graduated to the ridiculously happy stage of sleeplessness when everything seems screamingly funny. We "took over" the transit lounge by sheer force of numbers and loudness of giggles. The dignified International London Airport will never be the same after we sat bare-footed on the floor or chairs or tables playing silly games, singing, and generally going into fits of hysteria.

The "smooth-flying" jet bounced us to Los Pamas in the Canary Islands, where we landed in the middle of a glorious thunder storm. We were blown across the runway, into a little adobe house

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CALENDAR

Feb. 26—J.V. and Varsity Basketball at San Ramon.
Feb. 27—North Coast Wrestling at Modesto.
March 3—C.S.F. Cake Sale.
March 4—National Math Contest in Cafeteria, periods 1 and 2. Student Council, period 3.
March 5—Swim Meet at San Leandro. Track Meet at El Cerrito. Frosh Frolic in Small Gym (8:30-11:30 p.m.)
March 10—Swim Meet vs. Pleasant Hill, here.



The Juniors Returned Just In Time To Catch A Ride Home.

JUNIORS "EXPERIMENT"-INTERRACIAL RELATIONS

Six juniors were chosen by the American History classes to go to Pittsburg High School for one day. The purpose was to see what it would be like to attend an integrated school. On Tuesday, February 9, they attended classes with a student, after being shown around the school by the principal and a history teacher.

Mr. Dobbins was the advisor who went with the six students. The following students who went to Pittsburg High School had these comments to make:

Kacy Cook: "There was an excellent relationship between all the races."

Lucky Eames, "The classrooms lacked discipline and were inefficient."

Nancy Harter: "The students were extremely friendly and proud of their integrated school."

Bud Stanley: "I liked the idea of an open campus at noon, and the selling of soft drinks."

Janie Stone: "The kids were no different than at Acalanes except for their dress."

Wayne Wilkinson: "Teachers were more interested in the kids learning than in their grades."

Pittsburg's being a rough school is just a misunderstood reputation. Many years ago it used to be rough, but it isn't now.

The school is completely integrated with Caucasians, Negroes, Orientals Mexicans, and Puerto Ricans. The races get along well together, although they tend to gather in groups of their own race.

The facilities at Pittsburg High are really great. They have two gyms, an auditorium with theater seats, enclosed halls, and full length lockers for the girls.

Exchange Student—Brief Week Visit

During "Exchange Week," Acalanes was honored with a visit from Edwin Mongemonge, a student from Costa Rica. Edwin, currently attending Fremont High, was the guest of Jack Beers while observing classes at Acalanes.

Edwin finds North American schools quite different from his own. In Costa Rica boys and girls attend separate schools. Edwin takes 16 compulsory courses and goes to classes six days a week. Over at Fremont, he is taking American Gov't., U.S. History, public speaking, advanced math, mechanical drawing, and P.E.

Edwin speaks four different languages; Portuguese, Italian, French, and English. With such a linguistic ability, he seems to have little trouble getting along with any type of person. Furthermore, he enjoys sports such as basketball. Since coming to the states, he has missed the opportunity to play soccer.



Edwin Mongemonge (right) posed for a moment beside Jack Beers before leaving for Fremont High.

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SENIOR PROFILES

Ken Short, a prominent figure around school, is this issue's Senior Profile because of his active association with sports and other activities.

When he graduates, Ken is thinking of becoming an electronics engineer. To start himself off on this career he is attending college at Palos Verdes next semester.

He is an active member of Los Amigos this year and is on the Acalanes Sportsmanship Rating Committee, which rates the spirit, courtesy, and sportsmanship of opposing teams.

Ever since his freshman year, Ken has been interested in and has participated in sports. Even though football was a big disappointment to him in his freshman year, Ken has come a long way and we all know him as a very successful football and basketball player.

Ken has a hobby that most boys like and find exciting. That is sport car races, such as the Laguna Seca and Cotati. He also thinks it's fun to make posters for the basketball games, but far ahead of his other pastimes is Sherry Colbourn.

When asked what he did in his spare time, Ken didn't say too much, only that last summer he worked as a cook at Fluer de Lac at Tahoe.

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By BECKY MCKEE

Now that report cards have been given out and that generous "semester break" got us rested up for another four months, these past couple of three-day weekends were really taken advantage of.

Everyone seems to be getting up to the snow one way or another. **Lucy Bartholemew** and **Jennifer Taft** just barely made it up to Alpine to ski and getting back was even worse. **Bebe and Ross Brigante**, **Janny** and **Bryinne Christensen**, **Steve Scott**, **Laurel Stanley**, **Pam Turver**, and **Marilee Wade** were all seen skiing (?) in various positions at Heavenly Valley. Then there was the invasion at Squaw by Acalanes kids on church ski trips and with the ski club. **Joyce Cottrell** has an excuse as to why she fell off the poma lift; she fainted.

Things have been pretty active here at home, too. For instance, what were **Beki**, **Vandy**, and **Vicky** doing at the library at 11:30 Thursday night? And why are so many people interested in **Mr. Meinke's** socks and tie combinations? **Patty Butler** had quite a successful Valentine's party but she can't remember much about it. She wasn't there half the time. But that's doing better than **Dickie Clarkson** and **Cindy Smith** who didn't make it to the party at all. And then there's always **Linda Scalise** who keeps on barging through screen doors because she likes to hear the sound when they rip.

Bear Creek Road is getting to be a very popular place recently. The junior girls go up there to look at the pigs when they get depressed. Sometimes it's kind of funny to see yourself in others, I guess. But what explanation do the junior and senior boys have for rushing out there every Friday and Saturday night? **Liz Pilling** and **Cindy Copp** are planning a safari to hunt birds out there with their trusty B.B. guns.

Easter Vacation is coming up and it looks like Carmel will be "where the girls are." A few boys may follow but the majority will probably stay at the pool hall, as usual. And I wonder what goes on there that's so exciting—hmmm? **Penny Prentice** and **Linda Verazzano** have the right idea. They're planning a pre-vacation to Hawaii. Not bad, girls. Yep—this second semester looks like it's going to be even wilder than the first. We're off to a good start, anyhow.

Largest In History

This year's Aklan is going to be the largest yearbook in the history of Acalanes, in commemoration of our 25th anniversary. The Aklan will have a full 216 pages and there will be ten full page colored pictures, more than ever before. The senior class pictures, only eight on each page this year, will be accompanied by a list of

activities rather than having a list at the end of the section as in last year's Aklan. The junior class pictures are also larger this year. However, the underclassmen pictures have not been changed.

Besides the usual class and activity pictures, the yearbook will relate a complete history of Acalanes, from its ground breaking to the present.

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A well-organized seminar study-program of contemporary Europe is to be conducted in advance of the actual trip to acquaint the group with foreign currency and exchange rates, customs, local habits, local taboos, and foreign phrases. This thorough itinerary will be developed in eleven sessions which will be held Monday evenings at 8 p.m. in room 304.

The tour itself will include visits to Washington, London, Amsterdam, Berlin, Heidelberg, the Rhine (Munich, Salzburg, Venice, Florence, Rome, Zermatt, Zurich, and Paris). There will also be meetings with other student groups including a discussion with the Young Pioneers Republic, an East Berlin youth group.

The cost of the trip will be \$1,497.50 per person which will include all transportation, hotel accommodations, three meals per day, plus all necessary tips and taxes. The organization of this trip was done by the Student Travel Overseas Program (STOP).

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HEAP OF THE MONTH

Recently returned from the 1965 Winternational Durability Championships is Don Querio and his modified 1931 Ford.

Outward form can often be misleading in auto mechanics, as well as other fields, and such is the case with this classic roadster. Don's machine is difficult to distinguish from the factory model as long as it keeps its mouth shut, but once it opens its hood the pussycat is out of the bag. Don has completely lifted the original engine, and has replaced it with a bored and stroked 327 Chevy complete with a Weber carb (four-banger, of course) and Hemi-heads. In addition the roadster sports twin pipes and a two-speed automatic transmission with Hurst linkage, adapted from that of the Chevy-Chopper. Posi-traction is aided by the amazing road gripping ability of 800x7 slicks.

When asked how he acquired his new power package, Don termed it "a midnight garage job" which carries with it the traditional five-finger discount.

The interior has been done by Roger Vandim entirely in French Progressive, and it is a well-established fact that no one else is quite as progressive as the French. As an added convenience, Don has restored the original rumble seat. In this case it is a misnomer, however, since the seat has incurred many more falls than rumbles. This is, of course, as it should be with anything done in French Progressive.

All this and more adds up to the 1965 Durability Champion. The Winternational Durability Run is a grueling test of men and machines. Starting at the now famous Moonlight Salt Flats of Nevada (just 36 miles southeast of Smith Flat), Don, who is a real swinger, drove it 'round the world in record-breaking time. As a testimony to a great tradition, he now stands as a seasoned veteran of many days, and nights.

Kelley Wisner Back

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(someone said it was an airport) into which half of humanity seemed to be already packed. We shouldered our way into the crowds and became thoroughly lost by the time the airport lights went out. We formed chains by holding on to each other and slithered about the packed room for what seemed hours, trying to find the way out. Most of us made it back to the plane, but we almost took off without one of the boys who'd fallen asleep inside. Unable to find a way out even when the lights finally came on, he waited for them to short again, so that he was able to sneak out of an "illegal exit"! According to the Portuguese who control the airport, this boy who never checked out, has been living in the transit lounge for 13 months now!

When we first spotted Africa all of us became quiet . . . another first for us. This was to be our land — we watched it come closer until we touched down at Luanda, a funny military airport, where just to spite the officials we took forbidden photos. This area, unlike South Africa, was the Africa of movie fame. Heavily scented air seemed to crush us with its damp sweetness, the forest growth threatened the dirt runways. All too soon we had to leave Luanda. Now we faced only the last hours of our journey. Johannesburg watch out!

We were absolutely "dead-tired" but indescribably happy

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Professors Conduct Trial Econ. Course

A group of twenty-five randomly selected Acalanes seniors are involved this semester in a pilot economics course taught by two associate professors from San Jose State College. The course is being given here and at neighboring Clayton Valley High School, and forms an integral part of two different widespread studies, one sponsored by a grant from the United States Office of Education, the other a county project.

There are two general purposes for this program. For many years it has been found that college students have had a great deal of difficulty in understanding principles of basic economics. Many have thought that this could have been remedied if these students had been given a modern, up-to-date economics course in high school. At the end of the year, then, Acalanes students, now in this trial course, will be again asked to take the economics test given to them before they started the course. If they score significantly higher upon taking the test this second time, it may be assumed that economics, as a course in high school, could possibly have great value—and might eventually be a compulsory secondary school subject.

A second purpose for this program is this: in the past decade there have been many experimental teaching methods developed, but none have been tested very extensively. The teachers of this new economics course will be using quite a few of these new instructional methods. It has been decided to include these new methods in teaching of this economics course, rather than an English or literature course, primarily because in the social sciences, especially, little if anything has been done during the past several years to renovate teaching methods.

This, then, is a general outline of the course which, for approximately one-fourth of the second period government class, will be their social studies for the remainder of the year. To date, some have said they are enjoying the change, while others have complained about the work load and lack of cohesiveness of the course. However, all have agreed that "Economics 12" is different; a really unique experience.

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Feature Personality

One of the most important staff members at Acalanes is Mrs. Butler.

The school could not get along well without her for she has many vital jobs. She is Acalanes attendance secretary, and is in charge of the absences of all the students in the school. At the end of each school month she reports to the state regarding all absences and the reasons for these absences. Several other duties that Mrs. Butler carries out are the reception work she does for the Deans, the selling of commodity cards, and acting as custodian of the rally key.

Mrs. Butler has been a member of the Acalanes staff for ten and a half years. She has not worked at any other schools, but before she came here she worked at the Emporium in Lafayette.

She went to the Chanute Junior College in Kansas and recently returned to Kansas on a vacation. Her family enjoys traveling and in the past few years she has taken a trip to New York and Hawaii, which she "just loves!"

In her occasional spare time she sings in the church choir and she is the president of the School Office Employees of Contra Costa County. On the weekend of Lincoln's birthday she went to San Diego and stayed at the Hotel del Coronado where she attended a convention of the State of California Association of School Employees.

Mrs. Butler enjoys working at Acalanes and she thinks the students are a "nice group of kids."

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DEAR EDITOR . . .

Whatever happened to baseball at Acalanes? It is supposedly "the great American game." Last year a typical "crowd" consisted of a handful of students, a grown-up or two, and some trackmen out doing roadwork. During the past years Acalanes has fielded some truly outstanding teams which have gone virtually unnoticed, while thousands turn out to watch consistently mediocre football teams. It is truly a pity that great performances by outstanding players such as Rick Underwood, Steve Kosach, and Jeff Hearn have continually gone unwitnessed.

Dan Morgan

Many of the members of the faculty at Acalanes believe that high school is a place where students come to learn. They further believe, ostensibly, that one of the best and most valuable ways students can learn is by preparing for later life by managing many of the school's extra-curricular activities. This attitude is one to be praised.

A problem arises, however, when some of the teachers, while giving lip service to the students' activities, refuse to recognize the need for absence from class occasionally on the part of individuals working on affairs of benefit to the student body. In one class in the school which all students are bound by law to take, a student loses grade points for absence from class, regardless of the reason. Many students have been hurt by this policy. It would be far better if the offending instructors would realize that a student's attendance is not a prerequisite for his learning or for his total attitude toward school.

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An Acalanes basketball player reveals the Dons secret to success — height and agility.

DONS PUSH WIN STREAK TO 14

Our mighty Dons are rated as one of the best teams in all of California. After winning seven practice games, including one tournament, the Dons started league action.

The following is a summary of the team's league play.

Number 8

The Acalanes Dons crushed the Del Valle Trojans, 71-39, in their first league game.

Greg Malley — 24, Lee Newell — 13, and Phil Gilmour — 10, led the team scoring.

Number 9

Posting their ninth straight win and second league victory, Acalanes Dons crushed the Campolindo Cougars, 91-42. Five Don players hit in double figures as the team rolled up the highest score in the school's history.

Top scorers were Lee Newell — 21, Ken Short — 15, and Bob Walgren — 12.

Number 10

Acalanes and Miramonte, the only two remaining undefeated teams in the East Bay met in the packed Miramonte gym to decide who was the better team. Acalanes emerged as the victor, downing the Matadors, 63-54.

Double figure scorers were Lee Newell — 15, Greg Malley — 13, and Dale Speyer — 12.

Number 11

Acalanes pushed its win streak



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Noon-Time Activities

Noontime activities have been flourishing this year at Acalanes with the inclusion of such events as ping-pong and volleyball tournaments to supplement the occasional dance, which is held from time to time in the old gym.

Ping Pong

The first annual Acalanes Noon Ping-Pong Championship has already been held, with the winner a Sophomore, Jeff Borowiak, who has a great future in the game of ping-pong, and will probably be heard from later, according to informed sources.

Jeff won the championship only after he battled his way up through the ranks of a strong field composed of many excellent ping-pong enthusiasts, all of whom deserve a pat on the back for their fine efforts in this first endeavor along the ping-pong trail of Acalanes.

Volleyball

The volleyball tournament is still in the process of terminating with the winner yet to be decided.

Many clubs are participating Clubs' Commissioner, Carol Esser, is to be congratulated for the job she has done in organizing this event.

The proceeds from admission to these events are being put into the treasuries of various student activities.

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CHENEY, HAUSKENS, LARSON, TOLL LEAD MATMEN TO SEVENTH LEAGUE TITLE

The Acalanes wrestling team finished another season on top of the league. At the beginning of the season the wrestlers didn't appear to be champion-bound, but, after Mr. Mattson whipped them into shape, it became apparent that the Dons were on the march. When the Dons defeated Las Lomas it was certain that nothing could stop our Dons. The coaches felt that Las Lomas was the best in our league, but after we beat them there was no question in anyone's mind that "Mat" had produced another champion team.

Later in the season we lost Mike Pitts and Stan Wakeman due to injuries. These two are ex-

ceptional wrestlers and a lot of people thought that we might have trouble due to their absence, but everyone was wrong because we went on beating schools til we went to the North Coast wrestling meet.

The North Coast Wrestling meet was held at Miramonte, Saturday, Feb. 13. Acalanes placed fourth in this meet with Alan Hauskens winning the 103 title while Dave Toll took first in the heavy weight division. Mark Cheney was second at 145 and John Larson was second at 154. Other medal winners were Randy Knudsen third and Craig Davis fourth.

The first four boys mentioned above will go to the North Coast section wrestling meet at San Ramon, on Saturday the 20th of this month. If any of the boys place in this they will go to the North Coast finals, which is as far as you can go.

We are proud of every wrestler and of our coach and we wish the best of luck to the boys who are going to the North Coast finals.

EDITORIAL

Now that Spring sports are here, the students at Acalanes are once again going through what we call "Spring Apathy." There seems to be absolutely no school spirit during the baseball, track, swimming, and tennis seasons.

Is this deplorable? It is, if you consider that this is the last semester for about 25% of the student body (seniors) and that they are contracting "senior-itis."

However, this seems to be quite a poor excuse for this type of problem, and by no means should it be used. Yet, this type of problem and answer comes to Acalanes every year at precisely this time. What to do? Obviously, we will let the seniors of next year solve it—this is what we have been doing for the past 25 years.

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